

# GRAND JURY TO ACT ON BELLEVUE CASES.

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton Says That Grave Offenses Exist in Hospital.

Demand for a full and sweeping investigation of the alleged horrors at Bellevue Hospital was made on all sides today. It was voiced by Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the famous insanity expert, who declares that not only brutality but other equally grave offenses exist in the insane pavilion of that institution.

The Grand Jury will probably take the matter up within a few days, assuming all concerned before it and begin a thorough inquiry. It is certain to take up the cases of the three nurses charged with killing Louis H. Hilliard, whatever the outcome of the inquest held to-morrow. That Hilliard was strangled to death is now shown by the autopsy.

Further light was thrown today on the alleged abuse in the alcohol and insane wards. Several new cases of alleged brutality by attendants were discovered. A case of attempted extortion by a Bellevue employee was reported to the State Commission in Lunacy.

Several instances of ill-treatment of patients were mentioned by Dr. Hamilton. He also reported many cases of the charging of enormous fees by the medical examiners of the Bellevue insane pavilion and denounced the practice.

**Keller's Inquiry.** Commissioner of Charities John W. Keller continued his inquiry into the startling charges of brutality and the drugging of patients made by Thomas D. Wright. So far the Commissioner has not secured any admissions from those connected with the ward that such conditions ever existed.

But those connected with the ward are just as strenuous in denying that any one ill-treated Louis H. Hilliard, while the autopsy made by Coroner's Physician Donlin shows that the man had his windpipe broken and was strangled to death. Besides this, three of his ribs were broken and his body and limbs were covered with bruises.

Striking corroboration of one of Wright's charges was furnished today by the statement of Dr. Rosenbach, Gouverneur Hospital ambulance surgeon, who took Hilliard to Bellevue.

**Doctor's Records.** Wright alleges that when a patient dies from ill-treatment in the alcohol ward and the autopsy is sure to show the marks of his ill-treatment, the nurses "doctor" the record of the patient's entry so as to make it appear that he had marks of violence when brought to the institution.

This is what has happened in the case of Hilliard in the insane pavilion, if Dr. Rosenbach's statement is true.

Dr. Rosenbach declares that when he took Hilliard to Bellevue there was not a mark of any kind on his body. He says positively that there was no confusion over his right eye.

Yet in what is known as the "Case Book" at the insane pavilion, in the record of Hilliard's admission is an entry stating that when he came in he had a confusion over the right eye and abrasions on the left shoulder, chest and legs.

**Entry is False.** The record Dr. Rosenbach pronounces false.

The ambulance surgeon will be an important witness in the coming inquest. Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton is delighted by the acknowledgment that is being turned on the Bellevue abuses. He said today that he sincerely hoped that nothing would be left undone to bring out the true condition of affairs at the institution.

"I have wondered that the peculiar condition of affairs at Bellevue has not been investigated long ago," Dr. Hamilton said. "I have had brought to my attention many complaints showing that not only brutality, but equally grave offenses exist."

Miss Wendell, whose case attracted so much attention a few months ago, gradually recited the torture she suffered at the hands of the nurses at the pavilion, but as is often the case, her complaints were looked upon as the delusions of an insane person.

"Upon at least three occasions during the last year I have been directly approached by friends of patients who have told a story of such violence as kicking, and in the light of the Hilliard case, I have no reason to doubt their statements."

"It seems high time that some virile Howard cut his throat in cell."

Had Been Held for Trial on Petty Larceny Charge.

George Howard, of 231 East Thirty-seventh street, a prisoner in Yorkville Police Court Prison, attempted suicide at 3 o'clock this morning by cutting his throat. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it was said he would be not serious.

Howard was arrested Monday night on a charge of petty larceny. He was arraigned yesterday and held for trial in \$500 bail.

Howard admitted that he had secreted in his coat a small pen-knife when taken to court yesterday, and it was with that that he had attempted to kill himself.

## LEFT "JIMMY" WITH PRIEST.

Father Demo Stops Fourth Attempt to Rob Church.

The Rev. Father Antonio Demo, pastor of the church in Broerum street, Our Lady of Pompeii, has in his possession today a servile and vulgar "Jimmy" which he acquired last night.

At that hour Father Demo caught three men trying to pry open the basement door of the church. As he ran down the steps of the parson's house to give them the law, the three thieves fled and the door was closed. The priest, who was not hurt, said that the three men were the same who had been caught in a similar attempt to pry open the door of the church last night. He said that the three men were the same who had been caught in a similar attempt to pry open the door of the church last night.

**Hell for Stealing a Watch.** Joseph Molinari, of 230 East Forty-seventh street, formerly in charge of the watch room in Broerum street, was today charged with the theft of a silver watch, valued at \$25.00. The watchman, James Galswager, of 100 East Thirtieth street, he was held for trial.



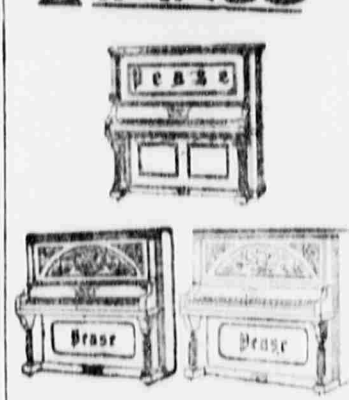
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